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FOLLOWING REPEAT CARACAS 4490 ACTION SECSTATE 29 APRIL.

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SUBJ: ECLA REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR LATVN AMERICA ON THE INTEGRATION
OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIAL REF TO POPULATION
FACTORS APRIL 28 - MAY 2

1. SUMMARY: SESSION OPENED WITH ADDRESSES BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY-
GENERAL OF CSDHA-UN, HELVI SIPILA, AND DR PABLO SALCEDO NADAL,
VICE MINISTRO DE SANIDAD Y ASISTENCIA SOCIAL, OF HOST COUNTRY.
OFFICERS ELECTED WERE AS FOLLOWS: CHAIRPERSON, DRA. MARIA CARMONA
DE CHACON OF VENEZUELA (DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MINISTRY OF
HEALTH); FIRST VICE CHAIRPERSON, FREDERICO SONEIRA OF URUGUAY
(MINISTER OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELFARE); SECOND VICE CHAIRPERSON,
GERTRUDIS EASTMOND OF BARBADOS (MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND JUNIOR
MINISTER OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE);
RAPPORTEUR, DRA. CARLOTA VARGAS MONTEMAYOR OF MEXICO(CHIEF, OFFICE
OF STATUS OF WOMEN). PLENARY DISCUSSION ON CURRENT SITUATION AND
TRENDS IN LATIN AMERICA BASED ON COUNTRY EXPERIENCES. POUCHOF
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DOCUMENTS HAD NOT ARRIVED. MEETING HAMPERED BY LACK OF HARD
DATA. END SUMMARY

2. SIPILA READ MESSAGE FROM UN SECRETARY-GENERAL STRESSING NEED

FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN AS A VAST UNUSED RESOURCE. SIPILA COMMENTED ON INCREASING IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS DURING THE TIME SINCE REGIONAL SEMINARS BEGAN. SPOKE OF HOPES FOR PRAGMATIC SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW PROGRAMS FULL OF INNOVATION TO HELP GOVTS AND PEOPLE IN THE REGION, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE SITUATION FOR ALL. NO ENGLISH TEXT.

3. DR PABLO SALCEDO NADAL ADMITTED THAT WOMEN'S CONDITIONS WERE NOT OPTIMAL IN LATIN AMERICA OR IN VENEZUELA. POINTED OUT LIMITATIONS OF VENEZUELAN LAW AND NEEDS FOR CHANGE. SPOKE OF INADEQUACY OF DAY CARE CENTERS. STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY PLANNING THRU PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS, THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE ORIENTATION TO FAMILY PLANNING, THE TEACHING OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD, AND INFORMATION BASED ON ADEQUATE SEXUAL EDUCATION. SPOKE OF ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURES BEING SET UP IN VENEZUELA AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MECHANISMS FOR LIBERATION, SPECIFICALLY THE NATIONALIZATION OF IRON ORE AND OIL, AND EFFORTS AT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. SAID RESULTS WILL BE TAKEN TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA WHERE VENEZUELA WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY. NO ENGLISH TEXT.

4. COUNTRY STATEMENTS FOR THE MOST PART UNEVENTFUL. MEXICO DID NOT SPEAK. CUBAN DELEGATE STATED CHANGES WERE NEEDED IN ECONOMIC STRUCTURES BEFORE WOMEN COULD ACHIEVE FULL LIBERATION. OAS REPRESENTATIVE, DR. KYBAL, GAVE EXTENSIVE REBUTTAL STATEMENT BUILT AROUND THESIS THAT WE MUST NOT ACCEPT BELIEF HELD BY MANY THAT "THE PROBLEM OF EQUALITY IS INDIVISIBLE FROM THAT OF DEVELOPMENT IF ACCEPTING IT MEANS WAITING FOR DEVELOPMENT TO OCCUR IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY." REFERRED TO UNIDO MEETING IN LIMA AS HAVING INDICATED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS THE ONLY FORM OF DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PREREQUISITE FOR DEVELOPMENT. WOMEN STILL REMAIN IN THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS: DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ARE SEEN AS PREREQUISITE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX WHEREAS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS SEEN AS A PREREQUISITE FOR DEVELOPMENT. WOMEN CANNOT ACCEPT THE CONTRADICTION. FOR LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN IT WOULD MEAN WAITING WITH ARMS CROSSED FOR MEN TO DECIDE HOW TO ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT. TO LEAVE NON-DISCRIMINATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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"TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE," IS TO WAIT FOR UTOPIA TO BECOME A REALITY. NO RHETORIC, HOWEVER ATTRACTIVE IT MAY BE, SHOULD POSTPONE REVINDICATION. IT CANNOT BE PLACED AFTER THE SOLUTION OF ANY OTHER PROBLEMS. DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX MUST NOT WAIT FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES WITHIN SOCIETY, OR FOR WORLD-WIDE DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, JUST AS THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, CREED OR COLOR SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THOSE CHANGES.

5. MRS. SIPILA CONSTRUED KYBAL REMARKS AS PLACING DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SECONDARY TO EQUALITY. STATED THEY SHOULD BE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.

6, TUESDAY PLENARY DISCUSSION WILL BE BASED ON RELEVANT POLICIES,
PROGRAMMES AND LEGISLATION. WORKING GROUPS WILL FOLLOW THROUGH
WEDNESDAY ON PROPOSALS FOR ACTION AND PRIORITIES. DRAFT PLAN
MAY BE END RESULT AND BE PASSED ON TO 16TH SESSION OF ECLA AT
PORT-OF-SPAIN, MAY 6-15. THURSDAY, MAY 1, IS A HOLIDAY. FRIDAY
SESSION IS TO CONSIST OF AN OVERVIEW OF THE SEMINAR, SUMMARY
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, CLOSURE AND PLENARY DISCUSSION.
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